

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Second Sunday of Lent March 1, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	March 2 nd		7:50 am	+ Robert Machacek
Tuesday	March 3 rd		7:50 am	+ Frank Chloupek
Wednesday	March 4 th		7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Joe & Donna Janecek
			5:30 pm Touhy	+ Albina Kellner
Thursday	March 5 th		7:50 am	+ LaVerne Wonka
Friday	March 6 th	First Friday	7:50 am	+ Don Kresl
Saturday	March 7 th		7:30-8:20 am Touhy HOLY HOUR	
			5:30 pm	+ Kelly Dailey
Sunday	March 8 th		8:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo
			10:00 am Weston	+ Dec. Parents of L & L Ohnoutka

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent after daily mass in Weston and at 5:45pm in Touhy. Come join our Stations crowd!
Readings Reflections: Transfiguration - God's promises to Abram strengthened him in the challenging times he would have. What future divine promises strengthen you against challenging times? The Apostles witnessing Jesus' transfiguration was to strengthen them against the scandal of the cross. What past blessings give you hope in difficult times? In his trauma counseling Karl D. Lehman uses his Immanuel Approach. He has his patient remember in detail one of their best times... and then asks 'where is Jesus in that?' They encounter Jesus in this prayer-memory. He uses this to guide them through their trauma. Recall and imagine a greatest time? Where is Jesus? What does He reveal? This can become a great joy and strength for you to go back to when difficult times come.

Some Lenten ideas – (1) Have you considered trying a daily mass during Lent/Easter? There is something unique about it. Often it may seem more intimate, with less distractions. It is neat to join others who go to mass during their regular day. (2) A visit to Jesus in the tabernacle during the week. Jesus loves that. A little time in silence before Jesus real presence can do wonders, even change our lives, as I've heard many testify, including Jackie Mulligan...

Lent Witness story – Jackie Mulligan was a busy health advisor for a major company. Her sister encouraged her to do a daily Holy Hour during Lent. Because she was offering it for loved ones in great trial, she kept at it. She got to know both herself and Jesus better. It gave her great peace and changed her life. She fell in love with the Lord and started a company, *RESTORE*, which helps people find peace and balance so that they don't just survive, but THRIVE!

Second Collection: Disaster Relief for Colombo – In Nov-Dec 2025 Sri Lanka experienced its most severe flooding in decades after Cyclone Ditwah brought prolonged heavy rainfall, which triggered landslides and widespread inundation across the country. As the country continues to work to rebuild, Bishop Conley, given the close connection between our diocese and the Archdiocese of Colombo in Sri Lanka, asked our parishes to take up a second collection to provide financial assistance to the Archdiocese of Colombo to assist them in making repairs to Church property and to provide material assistance to those who are still struggling to rebuild. **Any checks should be made out to St. John Nepomucene or St. Vitus.** Label envelopes "**Disaster Relief for Colombo**". As I'm a bit late in taking up this collection, please have this in by the end of next weekend, March 8/9th. *** Colombo sent 2 seminarians to our diocesan seminary, then had a priest serve here, and recently their Archbishop committed three more to serve for three years in our diocese.

WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS

	<u>St. John Nepomucene</u>	<u>St. Vitus</u>
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$3,054.89) in February	\$12,219.56	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,021.94) in February		\$ 8,087.76
Amount Received in February	\$ 9,562.49	\$ 5,910.47
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month February	\$(2,657.07)	\$(2,177.29)
2026 Year-to-Date Total	\$20,046.39	\$16,851.75

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 7-8, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 3/7 Jesse Sabatka	Sun. 3/8 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 3/7 Ginger Laughridge	Sun. 3/8 Marvin Wiese
Servers:	Sat. 3/7 Volunteers	Sun. 3/8 Easton Kavan/Eli Kavan
Ushers:	Sat. 3/7 Ron Walla/Joe Janecek	Sun. 3/8 Paul Pleskac/Ron Brazda
Gifts:	Sat. 3/7 Ron Walla Family	Sun. 3/8 Chad Kreikemeier Family

Stewardship of Treasure: February 22, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$3,926.23 **PLUS: Southern Nebraska Register:** \$98.00 **Ash Wednesday:** \$95.00 **Candles:** \$49.00
Guardian Angel Fund: \$50.00 **Easter Flowers:** \$20.00

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38	Friday:	Gen 37:34, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12	Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28	Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31		

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please pray for Nicholas Hanus of St. Joseph, Lincoln, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

OTHER INFORMATION

Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, call or send a card to our home-bound/assisted care facilities parishioners: South Haven—Lucille Strizek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"I prefer to be found pure before God rather than stained with the riches of the world." ~ St. Casimir

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 7-8, 2026

Acolyte:	Sun. 3/8 Tom Rezac
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 3/8 Jeff Walla
Servers:	Sun. 3/8 Griffin Byers/Caleb Osmera
Ushers:	Sun. 3/8 Nick Bartek/Allen Stanek
Gifts:	Sun. 3/8 Keith Strizek Family

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Total: \$915.01 **PLUS: Ash Wednesday:** \$135.00 **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$32.00

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Thursday, March 5th, at Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall, Valparaiso, 7:30pm. No Lunch.

SCHOOL NEWS

St. John Nepomucene School in Weston will host PreK and Kindergarten Roundup—Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30pm. To register, please call St. John School at 642-5234 or email barb-rezac@cdolinc.net Bring your future student and join us for an informational meeting and FUN!

Script Gift Cards—We are looking to reduce our on-hand gift card inventory and need your help. These cards are worth their full face value, and each sale earns a percentage back from the retailer for our school. It is a simple way to support us while shopping at retailers you already frequent. To place an order, please contact the office or reach out to Kristy at 402-954-8306. Available retailers include: Lands' End (great for school uniforms), LL Bean, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Lowe's, Menards, The Container Store, Casey's, Ace Hardware, Dick's Sporting Goods, Under Armour, Nike, Red Robin, Panera, Panda Express, Family Fare, Cabela's or Bass Pro Shops, Olive Garden/Cheddar's and Walmart/Sam's Club. Thank you for your support.

Support Our School with Scrip Gift Cards—We have scrip cards for sale in the office year round. To purchase immediately: **RaiseRight app** Enrollment Code for St. John's- **259F58BL632L1** Every business gives a percentage back to St. John School! Thank you for purchasing! If you have any questions, about Scrip, or want it explained more, just ask!

AREA NEWS

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry—Fridays during Lent, 5:00pm-7:30pm, St. Wenceslaus Church Basement, Wahoo. Dine-In or Take-Out Fish, Shrimp, Baked Tilapia, Mac & Cheese. \$16/plate or All-You-Can-Eat for \$21; Kids 10 & Under: \$7; Pre-School: Free. Pop, beer & wine for sale as well.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast—The annual Davey Knights of Columbus All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast; Sunday, March 1st from 8:00am-11:30am at the Ceresco Community Center (217 S 2nd St). Fresh buttermilk pancakes, sausage, eggs, and drinks will be served. Freewill offering at the door. A bucket raffle will also be held. Hope you can make it!

Save The Date ~ 2-Part Parish Lenten Retreat—March 6th & 7th. The retreat will be a Friday evening from 7:00pm-8:30pm in **Bruno** with a talk and a holy half-hour. Then, Saturday morning in **Abie**, 8:00am-12:00pm. Saturday will start with Mass, followed by breakfast, two inspiring talks, and a holy hour. The retreat will be given by Matt Simmons. Matt has a beautiful conversion story as a former tattoo artist turned FOCUS missionary, who is now a husband, father, and full-time spiritual director with over 20 years' experience leading individuals to know their identity as beloved children of the Father. All are welcome to attend both of the events, or only one of the events as your schedule allows. The retreat is a free-will donation event.

White Mass with Bishop Conley—Saturday, March 7th at 9:00am. Attend the White Mass for Health Care Professional with breakfast and meeting following at St. John XXIII, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln.

Sts. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church PCCW – Valparaiso, Soup Dinner—Sunday, March 8th at the church hall. All you can eat "SOUP". Chicken noodle, Chili and Vegetable Beef, sandwich, dessert and drink. Serving from 11:00am-1:30 pm. Come early! "FREE WILL OFFERING". Raffle tickets - \$2.00 each. Prizes: 1st- \$300.00, 2nd - \$200.00, 3rd - \$100.00, 4th and 5th are \$50.00 local certificates. Silent Auction, Cake Walk and Fish pond for the kids.

Parish Mission ~ St. Wenceslaus Church, Wahoo—March 9th-12th with Fr. Zachery of The Mother of God. No registration necessary. For more information, call St. Wenceslaus at 402-443-4235.

Please Keep Saving Your Labels/Box Tops—Please continue to scan receipts for Box Tops for Education labels, Our Family UPC's, and Best Choice UPC's. There is a basket in back of church to drop off all your labels.

WDCCW Meeting—The next meeting of the Wahoo Deanery Council of Catholic Women (WDCCW) will be March 10th at St. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Plasi. The Mass will be at 5:30pm and the meeting will start at 6:00pm. We will have a brief meeting, introduce the new officers and enjoy time with other faithful Catholic women from the Saunders County area. The lunch will be provided by the St. Cyril & Methodius Altar Society. All ladies are invited to a night of information sharing and fellowship with others from the Wahoo Deanery. Please plan to join us on March 10th!

Holy Hour for Peace—With all of the turmoil happening in our country and the world, the Bishops of the United States have asked for Catholics around the country to have a Holy Hour for Peace. Bishop Conley is requesting that each county have a combined holy hour. Saunders County will be having the Holy Hour for Peace at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo on **Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm**. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, prayers, and opportunity for confession. Please try to come with your family in order to help pray for peace in our world.

Magnificat Spring Prayer Meal—Saturday, March 21st, 9:30am-Noon at the new Sacred Heart Parish Center, 3127 T Street, Lincoln. Our Speaker will be Rosemary Clements sharing her Testimony, her Magnificat! Be a friend and bring a friend as in the Visitation when Mary and Elizabeth shared the Joy of the Holy Spirit in Gratitude and Praise of Our Lord! The Morning Star Chapter of Magnificat is celebrating our 30th Anniversary 1996-2026! A special thank you to all the women of our Diocese who have supported the Ministry! Register at https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/prayermeal_march21 by **March 15th**. Please contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for further information.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A lonely frog telephones the Psychic Hotline and asked what his future holds. His Personal Psychic Advisor tells him, "You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you." The frog is thrilled, "This is great! Will I meet her at a party?" he croaks. "No," says the psychic, "in biology class."